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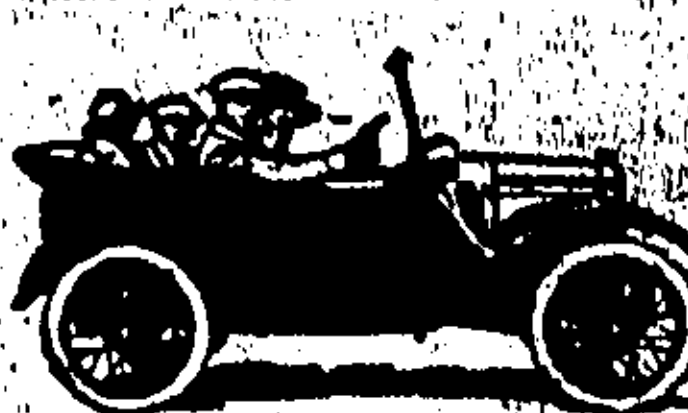
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HOME AGAIN.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S RETURN. MISSION OF PEACE.

Public Statement Expected Shortly.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has returned to the Colony from the North but he does not wish to be interviewed at present so it is impossible to say whether or not the reports are correct that his early return is the result of his round-table conference plan being abandoned.

One report is to the effect that Sir Robert's decision to return was made as a result of a realisation that the opportunity for a national settlement was lost but a much more hopeful view is taken in other quarters from which emanate the definite statement that Sir Robert Ho Tung wished to state that he was returning to Hongkong in a few days because his daughter Mary is to be married in the Colony on January 14.

Sir Robert, according to this report, says that he and those who support his idea of a round table conference of China's leaders, feel that they cannot push their project until Marshal Tuan has called his national conference, and that by awaiting the result of that conference they are co-operating in Marshal Tuan's move for a peaceful settlement of the differences among China's leaders.

Sir Robert arrived in Hongkong last night by the s.s. "President Wilson" and did not leave the boat until ten o'clock this morning when he went straight to his office and commenced work. His wish for a day or two's grace before he makes public any statement can readily be understood but Sir Robert's views on the possibilities of the prospects of the Rehabilitation Conference which is being arranged will be exceedingly interesting.

It is considered in official quarters that this conference will be the "turning-point" of the National Conference, to which all its decisions will have to be submitted. The object of the National Conference would be to stabilise the affairs of the country. Sir Robert went to Shanghai some weeks ago attracted by the happy prospects of a national settlement held out by Marshal Tuan Chi-jui, Marshal Chang Tso-lin and General Feng Yu-shiang in the north. The leaders proposed a national conference at which to re-organize China's affairs but the opportunity was lost owing to political bargaining. For years, Sir Robert had worked to bring China's leaders together and his recent visit was the outcome of a telegram on the hopeful prospects of the situation from his own peace committee established in Shanghai.

LATEST FROM NORTH.

(Courtesy Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, January 8.
Tang Chi-yao, Chen Chiung-ming, and Liu Chen-shi decline to

ITALIAN POLITICS.

OPPOSITION TO APPEAL
TO COUNTY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, January 8.
A meeting of eighty Opposition Deputies, under the chairmanship of Signor Dicesaro, approved by acclamation the text of an appeal to the county explaining the Opposition's reasons for persevering with their present attitude of abstaining from Parliamentary proceedings.

THE MASK FALLS.

Rome, later.
The Opposition appeal to the country is couched in striking phrases, such as: "The phase between Fascist domination and the country, has begun. The constitutional mask of so-called normalisation has fallen."

The manifesto enumerates alleged violations of the law and constitution committed by the Government, protests against allegations of an Opposition seditious conspiracy.

send representatives to the Rehabilitation Conference, but the other replies are stated to be eminently satisfactory. Later.

It is reported unofficially that the Government intends to appoint Ho Ching-yi, Pacification Commissioner for Honan and Hupeh, and Hsiao Yao-nan has sent out a circular telegram announcing that if the province is invaded he will take measures of expulsion in order to protect the people.

FIRST MAN WINS.

CURIOUS CHINESE CUSTOMS.

SCRAMBLE FOR A BARGAIN.

Ancient custom, by which the first patron of a new shop is given a generous bargain was responsible for a "rigger, scrum" in Des Voeux Road Central this morning.

Gradually that part of the tram route which is between the Central and Western Markets is becoming the shopping centre for Chinese in Hongkong. An emigrant who recently returned from America remarked in the crowd this morning that when he left Hongkong in the 19th year of Kwang Sui (the second last Emperor of the Manchukuo Dynasty)—over thirty years ago—he would not have dreamt of such progress. With a pronounced twang he described the thoroughfare as the "Store Avenue" of Hongkong, the better to impress a friend with him.

Now that the Chinese depart

FACING DEATH.

FOUR MEN ON ONE PLANK.

HARBOUR DISASTER.

Vessel Sinks With Sleeping Crew.

Submerged in the icy water of the harbour last night through their craft sinking while they were asleep four of a junk crew of nine were rescued as a result of a plucky swim by a comrade.

It is not often that those who go down to the sea in ships are caught entirely unawares when sinking. But such was the case in the dark hours of this morning when nine Chinese sailors suddenly discovered themselves caught like rats in a trap—in the hold of a junk which was sinking fast.

Yesterday the junk left the New Territories to arrive at the Kennedy Town Quay, just before night fall. Evidently, there was a leak somewhere as sea water was

found in the bilges. The junk was not over-laden as she carried only a half cargo of sand.

By bailing the crew managed to empty the bilges, and when an inspection was made at midnight, all was well.

By 3 a.m. all nine men were fast asleep in the after hold. Awakened by the splashing of water they found that the junk was sinking fast. From waist-deep the water in the hold rose to the roof. In the confusion, the master and four men forced open a door to the hold clambered out into the water and rose to the surface. The fate of the other four is not known but it is presumed that they have been drowned.

A plank had been carried away by the strong current and four of the survivors who could not swim, hung on to it for dear life. The fifth swam out to another junk. On reaching this junk's side, he held on to a rope and called for assistance. Roused from their slumbers, the crew of this junk put out in a sampan to look for survivors.

In conversation with a "China Mail" reporter this morning, the master gave a vivid account of his experience in the water.

Hardly big enough to support the weight of four, the plank was carried some distance out by the tide. Almost frozen to death, with their fingers numbed so that they were losing hold of the plank, they clung on with all their strength.

At first they shouted for assistance but after a few minutes they "felt their pulses stop" and began to give up hope. They were in the water for about ten minutes before the rescue sampan picked them up.

In the master's opinion, all four would have become unconscious in a few more minutes.

No trace was found of the rest of the crew. In addition to the value of the junk, about \$1,000, the master and crew lost all their scanty belongings. The cargo was worth only a very small sum.

HUNTING MISHAP.

MARQUIS OF SALISBURY MUCH SHAKEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 8.
The Marquis of Salisbury was much shaken as a result of his fall whilst hunting in Hertfordshire, but is progressing favourably.

It is expected that the Marquis will be replaced on the delegation to the Opium Conference at Geneva on the 12th inst. by Viscount Cecil.

A POSTPONEMENT.

Geneva, January 8.
Great Britain has requested a week's postponement of the Opium Conference on account of the Marquis of Salisbury's accident.

EGYPT'S AFFAIRS.

A NEW "UNION PARTY" BEING FORMED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, January 8.
A new "union party" is rapidly being formed, consisting of secessionists from the Zaghlul Party, who are already opposing the Zaghlulists in the elections. The new party includes Nationalists, Liberals and Independents.

WORLD COURT.

AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 8.
Senator Willis has introduced in Congress a resolution proposing the United States entry into the World Court with provision that America will not be bound by the advisory opinion of the court.

TERRIBLE CRIME SHOCKS CANADA.



WILLIAMS CAMP & FOSTER FAMILY.
Above is shown the family of Ward Foster, two of whose daughters, Cynthia, fourteen, shown at the right holding the baby, and Nesin, ten, standing next to her sister, Cynthia, were found murdered in the camp of their uncle, Harry Williams, in the woods near Postville. Williams, who is alleged to have committed the murder, has been arrested. His calm manner leads officials to the belief that he will enter an insanity defence, based on his sufferings in the trenches in France. The other two girls, Juanita and Evelyn, were to have gone with their sisters to visit the uncle, but a change was made in their plans at the last moment.

WRANGEL'S FLEET.

ADVERSE REPORT BY FRENCH MISSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 8.
A mission has just returned from Bizerta, where it was investigating the condition of Wrangel's fleet, which France agreed to hand over to the Soviets under the terms of recognition.

The mission reports that the fleet is not in a navigable condition. It will require extensive repairs, and even then would have to be towed to Russia.

DUTCH SEAPLANES.

FOR USE IN THE EAST INDIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 8.
The Fairly Aviation Company has received an important order from the Dutch Government for seaplanes for use in the East Indies.

The contract was obtained in competition with the whole world, including Fokker's.

KID MCCOY.

SENTENCE PASSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

LOS ANGELES, January 8.
Kid McCoy has been sentenced to one to ten years' imprisonment for manslaughter.

ANOTHER ARMS SEIZURE.

A BIG HAUL.

SERGEANT ANDREW'S LUCK.

First blood having gone to Revenue Officers for arms seizures this year, the Police have evened matters up by making the second big haul.

After tiffin to-day, a party of Water Police under Detective Sergeant Andrew discovered 16 revolvers and a large quantity of ammunition (as much as 30,000 rounds) on board a sampan near Kowloon. The arms were concealed in several rattan baskets.

Prior to going home on leave earlier this year, Sergeant Andrew had earned a name for himself for the number and size of arms seizures he had effected.

On his return from leave he was posted to Cheung Chau, and then to Central Station. He has only gone back to the Water Police for a few days.

Sergeant Andrew was married while on leave and his wife gave birth to a son yesterday, the auspicious event auguring well for his success to-day.

had been confident of success all along.

To-day the streets were particularly full of women buying loss paraphernalia for "chin chin loss." There will be much worshipping to-day, the 15th of the last moon of the year and to-morrow, the last "tooth feast" of the year.

A walk along that part of Des Voeux Road indicated will show that the new shops, not nearly as replete as their seniors, all cater mostly for outfitting for both sexes, a sign of the times that the Chinese are paying a great deal more attention to dress than hitherto.

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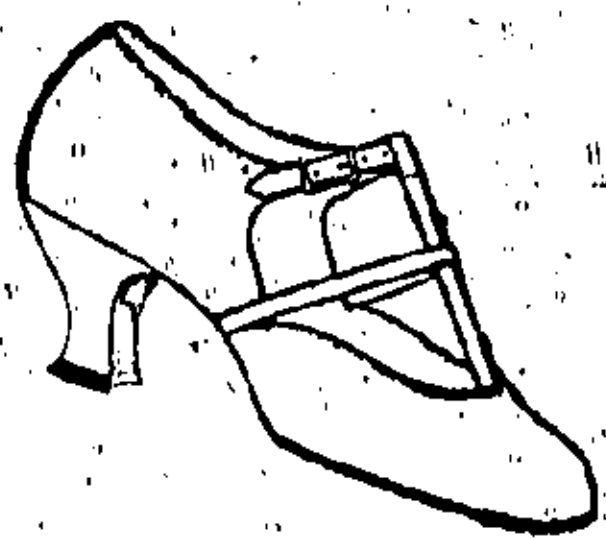
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Hongkong, Friday, January 9, 1925.

**RUM RUNNERS AND A
HOPE.**

According to this morning's
cables, Senator Borah, in a letter
regretting his inability to attend
a meeting of the Committee of
One Thousand for Law Enforce-
ment, headed by Judge Gary, and
Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., drew a
parallel between the activities of
foreign nationals with American
bootleggers in violation of the
Prohibition Law and the Zinovieff
Letter. He asked whether the
United States was not entitled to
say to Britain, as Mr. Austen
Chamberlain had substantially
said to the Soviet: "You either can
control your nationals in their
effort to break down your policy
and plant murder and misery
among other peoples or you
cannot. It is quite within the
power of the British Government
instantly to put an end to
activities of such moral pirates as
would co-operate with criminals in
this country to violate the Law
and undermine and destroy a
great national policy."

Senator Borah's statement is a
sweeping one, but there is no
doubt that it contains a certain
amount of justice. After all,
there must be some sense of
international responsibility among
the nations for seeing that law, as
law, is enforced. This idea of
internationalism first found
expression very long ago, almost
unconsciously, for the origins of
international law are found in
Roman law. The revived study
of Aristotle in the 13th century
presented the law of nature to
medieval scholars as "the crown
of both moral and legal science,
a standard of human conduct
independent of positive enactment
and even of Divine revelation,
binding always and everywhere by
virtue of its intrinsic reasonableness." The first practical attempt
to enforce anything approaching
international law were the efforts
made to prevent the use of
cross-bow and the use later of

arms by refusing quarter. Next
the Popes sought to intervene as
mediators in disputes between
States, but these efforts were like-
wise doomed to fail, for the
parties held themselves bound to
fulfil the awards only by reason
of voluntary submission.

Certain 16th century writers
tried to define international law,
accepting Aristotle's precept "to
deem that reasonable which seems
so to competent persons"—in this
case civilised governments and
their advisers. Richard Hooker,
the eminent English scholar, was
the first to use the term "law of
nations," writing not later than
1592:—"Beside the law which
simply concerneth men as men,
and that which belongeth unto
them as they are men linked with
others in some form of politic
society, there is a third kind of
law which toucheth all such
several bodies politic, so far forth
as one of them hath public com-
merce with another and this third
is the law of nations." Having
affirmed the existence of this law,
Hooker was content to leave it to
a successor to find "what matter
the law of nations doth contain,"
and this successor was found in
the person of Grotius (1583-1645),
the founder of the modern system,
who sought to show (in Sir
Frederick Pollock's words) that a
common rule of right among
States was possible; that it was
capable of discovery and exposi-
tion; and that it was not confined
to peaceful relations but continued
to be binding in time of war. With
such success did Grotius establish
this rule that fifty years later his
great treatise was accepted as
authoritative by every civilised
power. Without coercive authority
to invoke, he had to rely upon a
counsel of perfection and the
salient points of this have long
since been incorporated in the
rules of warfare.

Developed by the authority of
the writers, recognition in
treaties, and confirmation in
usage, the law of nations, though
still imperfectly organized, soon
became an international force.
One of the most notable British
opinions on international law,
expressed in the Silesian loan
decision, defined the law of nations
as being "founded upon justice,
equity, convenience, and the reason
of the thing, and confirmed by
long usage." Reformers had long
nursed the ideal of an inter-
national tribunal and attempts
were made to make permanent
provisions for international
arbitration in treaties. The two
peace conferences held at the
Hague, the one in 1899 and the
other in 1907, did devise inter-
national arbitration machinery
but left resort to the court a
voluntary matter. The most
notable settlement made under the
Hague convention was the decision
rendered by the Degree Bank
in 1904 when the Russian
fleet opened fire on a Hull fishing
boat. The Hague convention

however, was only a tentative
measure, experimenting in a new
field. With the lessons of this
"feeler" and the lessons of the
post-war period, it should be
possible to devise international
machinery for establishing a
tribunal which will possess, if not
compulsory jurisdiction, then
sufficient moral weight to make
resort to it a first duty among the
nations.

Epidemic Bureau.

Of paramount importance to
the public health of the Far East
is the intimation just cabled by
Reuter that Dr. Norman White,
Chairman of the Epidemics Com-
mission, is going to Singapore
this week to preside at a confer-
ence of representatives of sani-
tary organisations in the Far
East with a view to opening an
epidemic bureau in Singapore
next month. The hope is ex-
pressed that this bureau, which
the League of Nations Council
recently decided to establish on
the recommendation of the
League's Hygienic Committee,
will render great service in com-
bating epidemics, especially
plague and cholera, the news of
such to be immediately com-
municated to Geneva for wireless
transmission to ships and differ-
ent health stations. It is gratify-
ing also to learn through Reuter
that the Rockefeller Foundation
has signified its intention of con-
tributing \$125,000 toward the ex-
penses of the Bureau for five
years. The history of past
epidemics shows clearly how
most of these could have been ap-
preciably lessened, especially as
regards mortality in different
countries, had an epidemic bureau
been in existence years and years
ago. Thus, it may be recalled in
1833 cholera appeared in Egypt,
causing deaths among the Brit-
ish troops and spreading in the
following year to France, Italy,
and Spain, and in 1886 to Austria
and Hungary. In the latter year
there were no fewer than 37,000
deaths from the same disease in
Japan. Had there been an inter-
national epidemic bureau in exis-
tence during the first stages of the
epidemic in question, it is but
logical to assume that its ravages
could not possibly have been so
widespread nor its mortality so
tremendous. The same remark
applies with equal force to the
later cholera epidemic of 1892,
which was responsible for no
fewer than 330,600 deaths spread
over Persia, Russia, Roumania,
Austria, Hungary, France, Spain,
Belgium, Hamburg, and the eastern
seaports of England. The
history of plague is no less
eloquent in proclaiming the moral
of "what might have been" in
Hongkong, Manchuria, and India
had an epidemic bureau been
established even within compara-
tively recent years. No better
service to the humanity of the
Far East could be imagined than
an organisation having as its
primary object the combating of
epidemics, whether of cholera,
plague, or influenza, and we will
await fuller details of the im-
pending conference of sanitary
organisation representatives in
Singapore with the keenest
interest.

Volunteering.

A couple of days ago we pub-
lished an interesting review of
the volunteer movement in Hong-
kong with special application to
the Artillery Company, for which
an appeal was made for twenty
more volunteers. With a super-
abundance of young Britons in
our midst (that is, a super-
abundance in proportion to the
whole British population), that
appeal ought to have the instan-
taneous effect of filling every
vacancy in the Artillery Com-
pany. But will it? There's the
rub. There are those who pes-
simistically declare that the fine
old spirit of Volunteering has
been practically killed by the
Great War; that the average
young Briton will think twice and
perhaps thrice before giving up
his spare time to anything that
smacks of "militarism"—a hateful
word; and that it is no concern
of his if Volunteering in Hong-
kong becomes a back number.
The pessimists are not always
justified. They make as many
errors of judgment as the
optimists—and perhaps more.
Fortunately, Volunteering owes
nothing to these "wet blankets."
In other places than Hongkong
Volunteer Commandants and
Adjutants have at times de-
paired of ever improving the
numerical strength of their
Corps; but a simple appeal to the
better instincts of the young
European has generally resulted
in the cloud of pessimism being
speedily dispelled. After all,
sportsmanship and Volunteering
are almost synonymous terms.
The young European, possessed
of a brave impulse—or a muscle
that requires development—

scouts any idea of lack of sports-
manship. The annals of sport
show that the best sportsmen are
the best Volunteers; and the re-
cords of Volunteer Corps disclose
that the keenest members are
likewise far up in the local world
of sport. But a Volunteer Corps,
or Artillery Company, cannot go
on for ever with the same per-
sonnel; changes are inevitable in
the fast-changing East (or anywhere
else for that matter); and the
defections must be made up.
There is nothing finer than for a
young man to join the Artillery
Company, and it is hoped that the
appeal made this week will justify
our hopes by resulting in a
plethora of applications. After
all, there are only twenty volun-
teers required at present. Who
will join?

FRENCH BANK.

**DEPOSITOR BECOMES
IMPATIENT.**

HONGKONG POSITION.

A depositor of the Banque In-
dustrielle de Chine, signing him-
self "A Victim," writes to the
"North-China Daily News" as
follows:—
Sir,—Has the Banque Indus-
trielle de Chine closed its doors for
ever? It suspended payment more
than three years ago, and although
the unfortunate creditors were asked
to fill in certain papers and send
them to the French Consul-Gen-
eral, nothing seems to have resulted.
Since 1921 many of the depositors,
Chinese and foreign, have died, and
it seems likely that many more will
die without receiving one penny of
their money back.

What is the position in the case
of the branches of the "banque" in
the British colonies, Hongkong and
Singapore? Are the creditors there
any better off?

Is it not time that the French
Government bestirred itself and
looked to its fair name?

WHO'S WHO.

**LATEST CHINA COAST
CHANGES.**

Captain A. V. Harrison, from
leave, has gone master, "Kiangsu."
Mr. J. J. McLeavy, from re-
serve, has gone sup'y second officer,
"Luenho."
Captain A. Summerfield, of the
"Hupei," is on reserve.
Captain C. H. Jones, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Hupei."
Mr. J. Roberts, from reserve, has
gone second engineer, "Nanning."
Mr. W. J. Hamilton, second en-
gineer, "Luenho," is on reserve.
Mr. R. Thomson, from reserve,
has gone second engineer,
"Luenho."
Mr. W. Orr, from reserve, has
gone third engineer, "Kanchow."
Mr. J. A. Anderson, second en-
gineer, "Poochow," is on reserve.
Mr. R. D. Thompson, second en-
gineer, "Suiyang," is on reserve.
Mr. P. T. Harris, from leave, has
gone sup'y chief officer, "Yusan."
Mr. H. O. Lewis, second officer,
"Tingsang," has gone acting chief
officer, same ship.
Mr. E. V. Bishop, chief officer,
"Tingsang," has gone acting
master, "Kingsang."
Captain T. Meyrick, of the
"Kingsang," is on leave.
Mr. J. H. Smith, chief officer,
"Changwo," has gone acting mas-
ter, "Kutwo."
Captain D. Christie, of the
"Kutwo," has gone master,
"Kungwo."
Captain W. Gibb, of the
"Kungwo," is on leave.
Mr. D. S. Petrick, third officer,
"Kwaisang," has gone second
officer, "Hingang."
Mr. F. M. Ide, second officer,
"Hingang," has gone acting chief
officer, same ship.
Mr. G. K. Hudson, chief officer,
"Hingang," is on leave.
Mr. D. A. Matheson, second
officer, "Leesang," has gone second
officer, "Kwaisang."
Mr. D. Hughes, second officer,
"Kwaisang," has gone second
officer, "Hosang."
Mr. J. T. C. Crawley, second
officer, "Hosang," has gone second
officer, "Leesang."
Mr. E. T. Evans, from reserve,
has gone third officer, "Yusan."
Mr. C. E. Webb, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, "Yusan."
Mr. G. Clark, acting chief officer,
"Yusan," has gone second
officer, same ship.
Mr. J. McCabe, second officer,
"Yusan," has gone third officer,
"Kwaisang."
Mr. R. Thomson, acting chief
engineer, "Wosang," has gone
second engineer, "Luenho."
Mr. W. T. Hamilton, second en-
gineer, "Luenho," is on leave.
Mr. R. E. Laker, from leave, has
gone second engineer, "Kwong-
sang."
Mr. W. T. Bould, second en-
gineer, "Kwongsang," is on leave.
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MA-IN-LAW.

**HELD TO BE ONE OF
THE FAMILY.**

QUEER RENTS CASE.

With or without justification the
mother-in-law is the subject matter
for some of the oldest "cheats"
and popular tradition would have
us believe that the late "hubby"
tolerates her in his family circle
merely out of a sense of duty or
force majeure.

This morning in the Summary
Court judgment was given for a
man who had been most anxious
to prove, that his mother-in-law
was treated as one of the family
for on this point depended whether
or not he was protected under the
Rents Ordinance.

The house in question was 41
Eastern Street and it was argued
for the plaintiffs, who wanted to
get possession, that the fact that
the man paid for his mother-in-law
to live there took him outside of
the definition "tenant in chief."

Argument centred chiefly round
the interpretation of the word
"family" in the Ordinance and
His Lordship, in giving judgment
for the defendant, said that in
view of the Ordinance being
primarily for the protection of the
tenants, the word would have to
be considered liberally. He
thought that it should be taken as
including the mother-in-law.

MUSICAL PRODIGY.

**SEVEN-YEAR-OLD PIANIST
IN HONGKONG.**

A pianoforte recital was given
by Master Emil Danenberg, the
seven-year-old son of Profes-
sor Danenberg, at St. Andrew's
Hall last evening. The fame
which this youthful performer
has achieved since his first public
appearance in March last year
drew a fairly full house yesterday.
Those who have been present on
the first occasion will agree that in
the interval Master Emil Danen-
berg has considerably improved
both in his playing and retentive
powers.

The programme consisted of
twenty items, in seven of which
Master Danenberg was assisted
by his father on a second piano,
and the youthful performer went
through all the items from memory
with never a sign of hesitation or
nervousness.

In his solo efforts Valse in B
Minor (Chopin) and Chinese
Mandarin (Walter Niemann) were
probably the best and evoked
rousing applause.

Assistance was rendered by Mrs.
D. J. Brown, whose voice was heard
to great advantage, in the intervals
between the concert programme.

RABIES MENACE.

**TWO MORE PERSONS
BITTEN BY DOGS.**

Two cases of attacks by dogs
yesterday appear in the police
reports.

A girl named Lily Cager,
whilst on the playground of the
Army School, was bitten on the
left temple by a pointer dog owned
by Mrs. D. M. Denton, the school-
mistress. The girl was taken to
the Military Hospital for treatment.
A colle in the employment of
Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, No. 178, The
Peak, was taken to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital for treatment
following an attack by a dog said
to belong to Mr. J. R. Wood.

Both the animals are now under
observation at Kennedy Town.

SLEEPING IN.

**GODOWN AS A DOMESTIC
TENEMENT.**

"If I ruled otherwise I should
have to build a shop in which
all the staff slept at night was not
a domestic tenement," said Mr.
Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, in the
Summary Court, this morning, in
giving judgment for defendants in
a case in which it had been held
that a godown in which folk slept
was not a domestic tenement.

His Lordship said that he had
gone specially to view the
premises at 4 Sai On Lane.

New York, January 8.—A syndi-
cate, headed by Messrs. Morgan,
has purchased \$125,000,000 worth
of five per cent. debenture bonds
in the American Telegraph and
Telephone Company, the proceeds
to be devoted to the granting of a
loan to associated companies or to
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GERMAN POLITICS.

NEW CABINET BEING FORMED.

POSITION MOST PRECARIOUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 8.
Owing to the foreign political situation, Herr Marx is hastening the formation of an emergency Cabinet.



Wilhelm Marx.

The Chancellor will personally direct foreign affairs in the absence of Herr Stresemann.

Herr Jannes, Minister of the Interior, is also resigning as a member of the People's Party.

The vacancies will be filled by the promotion of Under-Secretaries if others are not available.

The new Administration, from the outset, will be faced with bitter opposition in the Reichstag, especially on the part of the Nationalists and Communists, and possible hostility from the People's Party.

On the other hand Herr Marx can rely on the support of the Centre Party and Democrats, and the benevolent neutrality of the Socialists.

Nevertheless, the position will be most precarious since the votes of one of the small Parties will suffice to turn the scale at a critical moment.

[The following message of January 3 explains to-day's cablegram:—Though the Reichstag reassembles on January 5, the political deadlock continues. Herr Marx a fortnight ago abandoned the conference of party leaders with a view to the formation of a big coalition, the main difficulty being the refusal of Dr. Stresemann's People's Party to further support the Marx minority Government and its insistence on the inclusion of Nationalists in the new Government. Herr Ebert, the President asked Herr Stresemann to form a Cabinet, but the refusal of the Centre to co-operate with the Nationalists compelled Herr Stresemann to decline. Herr Marx, thereafter, was credited with the determination not to waste more time in party bargaining, but to reorganise the minority ministry. The President, however, after the New Year lull, urged Herr Marx to again get into touch with the leaders of the Centre, Democratic and People's parties, which Herr Marx to-day did, with the result that he announced it to be impossible to form a Coalition Government commanding a majority of the Reichstag. A later message stated that Herr Marx had accepted the invitation to form a non-party Government.]

"SAINT JOAN."

THE MAID AT THE MATINEE.

Mrs. Beale is to take the part of Joan at the evening performances and at the Wednesday matinee; but at the extra matinee which has been fixed for Saturday the 17th, inst., Mrs. Suter will assume the role. Mrs. Suter is no stranger to the Colony, particularly in matters connected with the theatre. She will be remembered as taking part in "The Tempest," "Till We Meet Again," and in "R. U. R."—each time with great acceptance and with true artistic conception of the characters she portrayed. Mrs. Suter's knowledge of the stage is profound, and the present production of "Saint Joan" acknowledges the great help which Mrs. Suter has given in stage direction, and in the coaching process which, so very often, is a big part of the work of production. Mrs. Suter's interpretative abilities are beyond question and her reading of the part will be watched with great interest.

Final touches are now being made to the play and everything points to a great achievement. Evening performances commence promptly at 8.

Into corners will not be admitted until after the first scene, and as this gives the key-note to the play, members of the audience will be well advised to be in their seats in good time. Any little waiting that may entail will be rewarded by a reading of the delightful comedy and "Life of Joan" to be found in the programme.

GUN ELEVATION.

U. S. WAR SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

A BAD EFFECT.

BRITISH OPINION OPPOSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 8.
The Secretary for War, Mr. Hughes, before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives expressed the opinion that the raising of the elevation of the guns of the American capital ships would not violate the Washington Treaty, although it might have the unfortunate effect of tending to promote competition in naval armaments. He added that whilst Great Britain considered the proposed alterations a violation of the Treaty with Japan, he thought the opposite.

Mr. C. D. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, gave evidence that the Administration's policy of economy precluded his recommending the programme of increased gun elevation. He also was unable to endorse the pending Bill for the appropriation of \$70,000,000 for naval construction.

He added that the British and American Navies were equal in tonnage, but the American ships were two knots slower, this being due to the American architects' policy of putting weight into the armour guns instead of increasing the engine power. The British guns outdistanced the American by 1,500 yards.

Mr. Wilbur explained that the Director of the Budget presented President Coolidge with a proposal to proceed with the raised gun elevation programme, but the President considered that the expenditure thereby involved conflict with his financial policy. Mr. Wilbur reiterated that the annual expenditure of \$110,000,000 for ten years would bring up the whole navy to a 5/6/3 ratio, but he insisted that the ratio would be achieved by the completion of repairs to the battleship "Florida."

ALLIED DEBTS.

THE VITAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

BUSY WEEK-END.

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 8.
At the week-end intense but insubstantial activity is likely to follow the decision of the Finance Conference on inter-allied debts. Proceedings will be private till Monday. The scheme will be discussed by Mr. Winston Churchill and M. Clementel in the morning, and later approved at a plenary meeting of the Conference, whereby questions before the Conference will be classified as major and minor problems.

The former, which include the American reparations claim, Ruhr accountability, and Belgium priority, will be discussed by the "Big Six," namely, Britain, France, Belgium, America, Italy and Japan, during the week-end, with a view to submitting compromise proposals at the plenary meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

M. Clementel optimistically expects the Conference to finish on Tuesday next.

RETICENCE.

Paris, later.

British quarters refuse to disclose anything regarding the Churchill-Clementel talk on debts, but there is ground for stating that a settlement on the lines of the French proposals sent to America will be unacceptable to Great Britain.

[A Washington cablegram dated January 5 stated:—Mr. S. E. Hughes, Secretary of State, has transmitted to Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary to the Treasury, for his "personal and private information" a French war debt memorandum which, it is understood, refers to a plan of settlement, envisaging a moratorium with payments extending over eighty years after the expiry of the moratorium with interest on payments during the period of the moratorium at the rate of one and a half per cent.]

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

PROGRAMME FOR INTERPORT WITH SHANGHAI.

LOCAL COMMENT.

[By "Dutchie"]

To-morrow's (Saturday afternoon) list comprises:—

LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

China "A" v China "B," Chinese ground.

Surrey's v St. Joseph's "B," Sookumpoo ground.

Recrelo "A" v Recrelo "B," Kowloon ground.

University v Kowloon, Navy "A" ground.

Sacred Heart v Drums, St. Joseph's ground.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m., sharp.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

Blues v Whites, Club ground.

Kick-off at 3.45 p.m., sharp.

Owing to the interport trial there will be no first division games to-morrow. As a matter of fact there will not be any until well in February, as various Cup competitions will be taking place meanwhile.

In the second division China "A" Surrey and Recrelo "A" should win, the latter quite easily, possibly beating their record last week of thirteen goals to none.

Kowloon will have a hard game with the University and if the latter turn out at full strength they should win. The Drums should also win against their opponents to-morrow, but not too easily.

A good crowd will possibly turn up to see the interport trial on the Club ground. The kick-off is at 3.45 p.m. and the full three-quarters of an hour each way will be played.

The following are the teams:—Blues—Clarke (Police); Wheeler (Kowloon); Wynne (Police); Leung Yuk-tong (Chinese); McKelvie (Capt-Kowloon); Bristowe (Surreys); Harris (R.A.); Forsyth (Club); Johnson (Police); Butler (Surreys); Brown (Tamar).

Whites—Rodger (Club); Gerrard (Club); Jordan (Surreys); Pether (Surreys); Stewart (Club); A. Duncan (Kowloon); Charlesworth, Eaton, Humberstone (Surreys); Li Wai-tong (Chinese) and Macklesworth (Surreys).

Reserves—Doody (R.A.); Simpson (Police); Mitchell (Surreys) and Jones (Club).

Mr. F. Smith will have charge of the game and will be assisted by Messrs. Spencer, R.N., and Smith, R.A., as linesmen. Prices of admission to stands will be fifty cents and thirty cents.

The following are the interport arrangements:—

Saturday—January 24—Hongkong v. Shanghai, Club Ground.

Monday—January 26—South China v. Shanghai, Club Ground.

Wednesday—Jan. 28—Shanghai v. United Services, Club Ground.

Kick-off each day will be at 3.45 p.m., sharp.

All seats in both stands will be reserved and booking can be made. Time and place will be notified by the Association by advertisement in the local papers.

The following taken from the "Athletic News" of December 1, 1924, should be of interest, and instruction to all footballers.

"The Corner Kick. The following instruction has been issued by the International Association Football Board:—At the meeting of the International Football Association Board on June 14, 1924, the words corner kick were inadvertently deleted from Law 10. At the meeting of the Board to be held in June 1925, it will be proposed that the words be re-inserted. In the meantime officials of the game and the players are instructed that the corner kick must be deemed to be a free kick within Law 10, and that the kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player."

League tables to date:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Surreys	10	9	0	1	32	7	18
China "A"	12	8	2	2	29	11	18
Club	11	5	1	5	20	11	11
Police	13	4	3	6	12	19	11
R.A.	9	5	0	4	15	20	10
Kowloon	9	4	1	4	21	13	9
Tamar	11	4	1	6	12	15	9
China "B"	12	0	0	12	5	49	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Surreys	13	11	1	1	38	8	23
Rec "A"	12	10	1	1	68	3	21
St. Joseph's "A"	14	10	1	3	30	13	21
Drums	13	8	1	4	27	17	17
China "A"	13	4	5	22	23	12	12
Kowloon	13	6	0	7	20	26	12
Rec "B"	14	4	3	7	18	28	11
Club	13	4	2	7	22	10	10
University	11	3	2	6	11	28	8
Sacred Heart	12	2	1	7	16	30	7
St. Joseph's "B"	11	1	4	6	6	34	6
China "B"	14	2	2	10	6	40	6

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GOVERNMENT UPHELD.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND CASE.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S RULING.

The action of the Hongkong Government in taking possession of certain parcels of land in the New Territories was upheld in a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court this morning by Sir Henry Gwyer Gollam Chief Justice.

On the grounds that the provisions of the sections under which action had been taken were inconsistent with the stipulation with respect to expropriation contained in the convention of June 9, 1898, and that the Ordinances in which they appear should not, therefore, have received the assent of the Governor unless they contained a suspending clause, the plaintiffs claimed that they were still the owners of the land and that the resumption was invalid.

His Lordship stated that the authority of the Governor to concur in passing or assenting to laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Colony was given in the Letters Patent and the directions to not assenting to certain classes of Bills unless they contained a suspending clause in the Royal Instructions. He took it, therefore, that legislation which fell within the purview of the Legislature was good, even though the Governor might have failed to carry out the Royal Instructions.

If the Governor did not follow instructions then he might have to answer to the Sovereign for his neglect, but the section, in His Lordship's opinion, appeared specifically to provide that failure on the part of the Governor was not to affect the validity of any law otherwise properly passed by the Legislative Council and assented to by the Governor.

The contention on behalf of the Crown was correct, thought His Lordship, and the validity of the Ordinances could not be impugned on the grounds put forward on behalf of the plaintiffs. He therefore ordered the dismissal of the action with costs for the Crown.

Mr. F. E. Jenkin was for the plaintiffs and Mr. Eldon Potter K.C. for the defendants.

LIFE AT THE PRATER.

VIVID SCENES IN "MERRY-GO-ROUND."

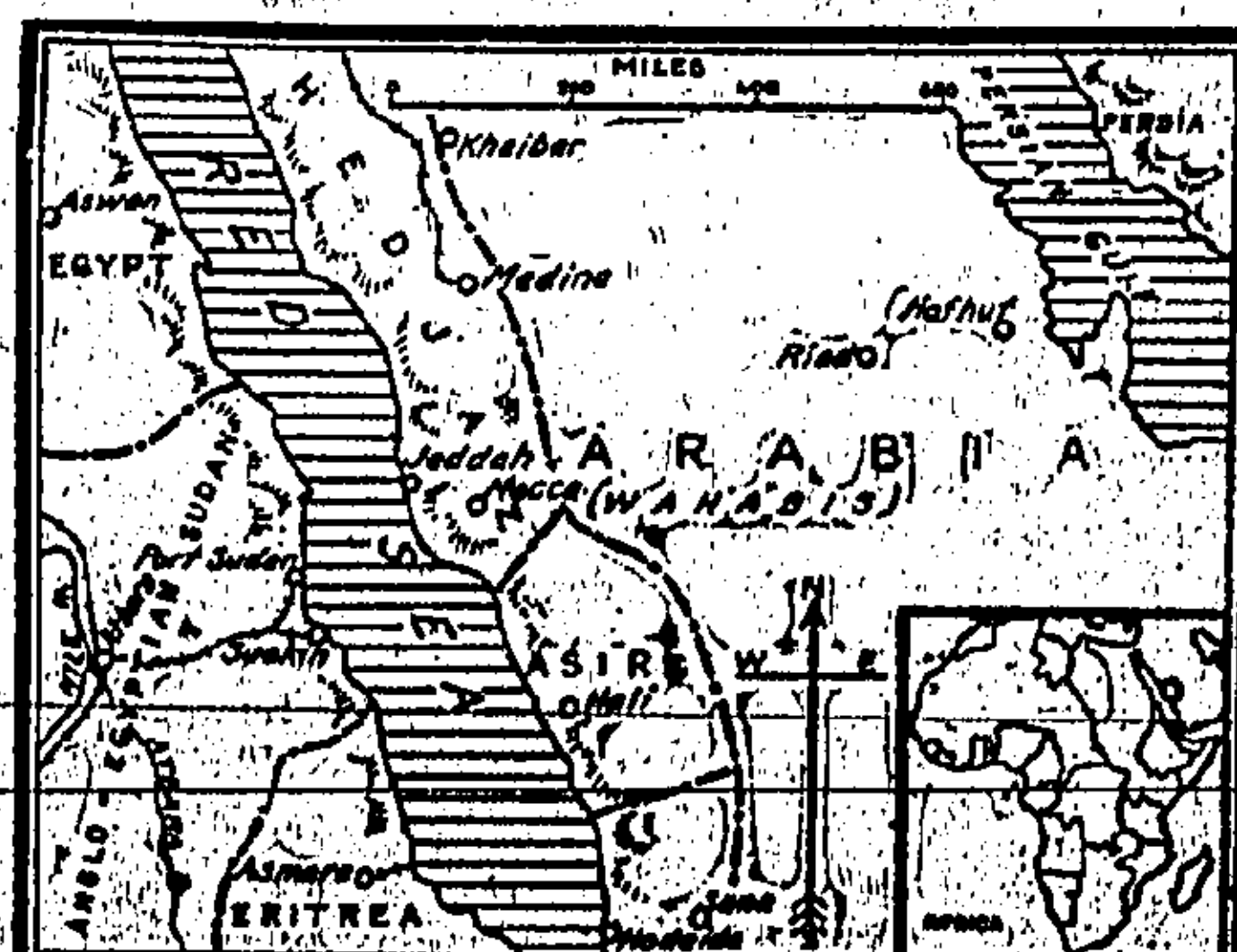
Scenes of real places of note and pictures of great or once great men attract the populace as seldom any other class of film can do to the same extent. Thus it is little wonder that the "Merry-Go-Round" with its realistic scenes of the carnival resort of pre-war Vienna and its photographs of the nobles then at the Court of the Emperor Francis Joseph, should be responsible for very big crowds at the Coronet—the home of every film really worth seeing.

In "Merry-Go-Round" is to be seen a complete reproduction of the famous Prater of Vienna. One feels almost transported during the screening to the old haunts of frivolity and gaiety associated with this popular Austrian rendezvous, for there is a sense of reality about the whole picture not always felt to the same degree with many other pictures. "Merry-Go-Round," a costly film to produce, tells the story—and tells it well—of two lovers separated as widely by caste as two human beings could be—a poor girl of the Prater, who earns her precarious livelihood as an organ grinder, and a young Count, aide to the Emperor and slave to every royal whim.

The transformation in Vienna from the pomp and splendour of pre-war days to a ponderous emptiness is graphically shown, and yet the main plot is never departed from. It is, in short, a picture that will live in one's memory long after hundreds of lesser pictures have come and gone.

To-night and to-morrow night will afford the last opportunities of seeing this marvellous production at the Coronet.

SCENE OF CONFLICT.



ARABIAN WARFARE RESUMES—The fighting between the Wahabi tribesmen and the King of the Hedjaz are expected to be resumed in the vicinity of Jeddah. British representatives in Transjordan are trying to open peace negotiations.

CAUCASUS COLD.

A STOPPAGE OF INDUSTRIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, January 8.

Continued severe cold is reported to have brought to a standstill economic life in the Caucasus. The thermometer varies between 10 and 20 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit). In Baku industries have stopped, and in Murgan cotton is rotting beneath thirty inches of snow. Fruit trees, especially tangerine plantations, are damaged. The rivers Arax and Kura are frozen, causing a stoppage of mills and a shortage of flour.

CHURCH VALUABLES.

HIDDEN FROM THE SOVIET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, January 8.

At Kieff the Cheka has arrested fifteen church dignitaries in connection with the discovery of church valuables hidden from the Soviet.

Commissar Ivanoff accuses Archimandrite Clement, head of the Petchorskaya Monastery, of directing the concealment of valuables with the assistance of the Archimandrite Makarius and Abbot Eustracius.

MALE VOICE CHOIR.

LAST NIGHT'S FINE CONCERT.

Thoroughly enjoyable was the Male Voice Choir concert given in the Cathedral Hall last night before a large audience. All the performers were in great fettle and the applause was very cordial indeed. Several encores were demanded. A special tribute is due to Mr. Stanley, the conductor, whose organizing ability was much apparent. The full programme was as follows:—

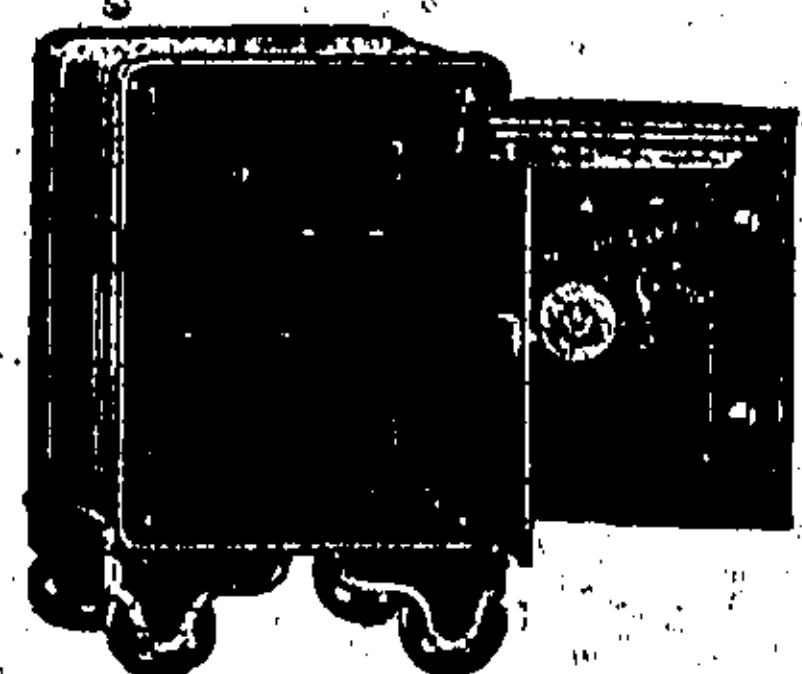
- 1.—Part Song, "The Belshazzered".....Arthur Sullivan.
- 2.—Song, "I Heard You Singing".....Edward Coates, Mrs. A. M. Bowers-Smith.
- 3.—Duet & Chorus, "Misereere from Il Trovatore".....Verdi. Leonora.....Mrs. Stanley Collect. Maurizio.....Mr. H. G. Annis.
- 4.—Violin Solo, "Three Dances from 'Neil Gwynne'".....Edward German. Mr. W. C. Abrams R.N.
- 5.—Part Songs, (a) "O Peaceful Night".....Edward German. (b) "Departure".....Franz Abt.
- 6.—Humorous Monologue. Mr. G. W. Burnett.
- 7.—Part Songs, (a) "The Midnight Guard".....A. E. M. Gretry. (b) "Rolling down to Rio".....Edward German.
- 8.—Part Song, "Choric Measure".....Ethel Boyce.
- 9.—Song, "Light, My Light".....Landon Ronald.
- 10.—Part Songs, (a) "An Evening's Pastoral".....Wilfred Shaw. (b) "Song of the Jolly Roger".....C. F. Chudleigh Candlish.
- 11.—Humorous Monologue. Mr. G. W. Burnett.
- 12.—Part Songs, (a) "It's Oh! to be a Wild Wind".....Edward Elgar. (b) "I Would I Were the Glow-Worm".....Arr Harold Rhodes.
- 13.—Violin Solo, "Selection from 'The Gondoliers'".....Arthur Sullivan. Mr. W. C. Abrams R.N.
- 14.—Part Song, "The Long Day Closes".....Arthur Sullivan.

The Rev. Brother Theophilus has arrived in Malacca to take the place of the Rev. Brother Justin, who is going away on leave. Another arrival at St. Francis' Institution is the Rev. Brother Oswald.

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L1583 Part 5.—(a) Andante moderato; (b) Adagio.
Part 6.—(a) Allegretto; (b) A l'agio ma non troppo;
L1584 Part 7.—(a) Allegretto; (b) Presto (First Half);
Part 8.—Presto (Second Half);
L1585 Part 9.—(a) Adagio; (b) Allegro (First Half);
Part 10.—Allegro (Concluded).

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sixty-three persons were killed by tigers and twenty by crocodiles in the State of Johore during last year, says the Johore Administration report.

A search by the police at a hawker's stall at Sai Street resulted in the discovery of a loaded revolver. One man was taken into custody, and he will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

A Chinese was found yesterday lying with a broken leg at the foot of a bank near the main entrance to the Taikoo Docks, and later conveyed to hospital. It is surmised that he fell over the bank in his eagerness to escape from Revenue Officers who raided a house in the vicinity.

A stab wound in the abdomen, alleged to have been self-inflicted during a temporary fit of insanity, resulted in a Chinese being removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

Mrs. Pope, residing at Wo Hop Shuk, has reported to the police that during her absence in Hongkong between the morning of Friday last and the following afternoon, some person stole from her bungalow a quantity of bedding valued at \$270.

An Indian was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with stowing away on the second class deck of the P. & O. "Morea" from Singapore. He was remanded until tomorrow, when he will be taken back by the s.s. "Macedonia."

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning, Gunner A. J. H. Pepler was charged with a serious offence against the eleven-year old daughter of a Chinese clerk on a military path leading to Mount Davis Battery on January 7. Another gunner, W. Ivor Juliff, was charged with aiding and abetting the first accused. Both men were remanded in military custody until next Friday morning.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut. J. R. Henderson has been appointed to H. M. S. "Diomedes."

Another French chemist, M. Damalander, has succumbed to lesions caused by X-ray says a Reuter message.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Albert Spicer, Lady Spicer, and Miss U. Dykes Spicer are passing through the Colony on the P. & O. "Morea," booked to Shanghai.

The death occurred in the Civil Hospital of Mr. R. Cottrell, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Kwang Sai," who was well-known in the local shipping world. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Count de Martel, the newly appointed French Minister to Peking, passed through Hongkong yesterday. Officials of the French Consulate met the Count and Countess who were entertained to luncheon by M. and Mme. de Courthial at their residence in Peak Road.

Mr. Sun Fo, former Mayor of Canton and son of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, arrived yesterday by the "Empress of Russia." Accompanied by a few friends he proceeded to Mr. Yeung Sai-nam's house at Conduit Road. Mr. Sun Fo is expected to leave for Canton to-night. Arrangements were made by the Police for his protection when the "Russia" put in yesterday.

Sir George Gibb, who in early life was a solicitor and later General Manager of the North Eastern Railway, and subsequently Chairman of the Metropolitan District Railway Co. and of the Tube Railways, arrived here on the "Morea." Sir George is accompanied by Lady Gibb.

Passengers arriving from Home by the s.s. "Morea," included Commander C. A. Brown, R.N., Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Deakin, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. S. Gardner, Lieut. G. A. L. Mansergh, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sayer, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tillery, and Mr. R. S. Vergeze.

Mr. Henry Dell, of Holloway Road and Holmwood, Winchester, N., who died on August 28, aged 86, left property of the value of £14,890, with net personalty of £10,325. He gave £100 to the Friends' Foreign Missionary Society; 400 £1 shares to Joseph Baker, Sons, and Perkins; to the China Inland Mission; and 100 shares to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

A tax of twenty-five dollars per head is now levied on orang-utans exported from British North Borneo.

Almost the entire personnel of the Diocesan Boys' School went over to Kowloon yesterday to inspect the site of the new school, near Ho Mun Tin.

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Oxford and Cambridge Society was held last night, when a number of prominent Oxonians and Cantabs in the Colony attended.

In connection with the excellent dancing display given by the pupils of Miss Violet Capell thanks are due to Mrs. R. Pestonji for valuable services at the piano and to Mr. W. J. Carroll for the financial organizing.

Earlier this week we published among our news pictures a photograph of Princess Juliana of Holland, who was said to have fallen a victim of a passion for the remarkable voice of the cantor in a Jewish synagogue in Amsterdam. The photograph was quite a good likeness of Princess Juliana, we are told, but the working was entirely wrong, as the supposed incident could not have taken place, Princess Juliana, following the usual custom, being always accompanied by ladies of the Court when she leaves the Palace.

Public opinion which is asserted by our Wuchang correspondent to be steadily making itself articulate in Hupeh was again to the fore on the 27th instant, when a number of local Chinese merchants gathered at the Chichimen station, Hankow, on the off-chance of witnessing the arrival of Wu Pei-fu. They were all the bearers of paper flags inscribed with such sentiments as, "We don't welcome Wu Pei-fu," "We want Wu Pei-fu to leave here at once," etc. After waiting for several hours without seeing any signs of the onetime warlord the gathering broke up laughing at themselves.

For dredging the harbour bed in the man-of-war anchorage, without permission, two fishing boat owners were each fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

"Great North Wind" reports the Chinese master of the Chilean steamer "Wah Shan" which arrived here yesterday after a trip of about a day from Kwong Chow Wan.

Owing to the low state of the tides at Canton, river steamers bound for Hongkong are not leaving at their usual hours, but some time earlier.

Failure to observe the "rule of the road" (in the harbour) on December 27, cost the coxswain of the motor-boat "Phoenix" a fine of \$15 at the Marine Court this morning.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 20, 1924, amounted to 104,723 tons and the sales during the period to 29,366 tons.

Just before midnight last night, a fire broke out in the chimney of No. 2 B-22y Terrace, on the upper levels. Fortunately, a number of firemen were on duty close by, at the residence of Mr. Ma "Ying-plu" of the Sincere Co., where the wedding of his four sons and his first birthday are being celebrated. With a chemical extinguisher, the firemen soon ended the trouble.

This year's Shanghai municipal elections in the French Concession take place on January 19 when there will be voting for the seats at present occupied by M. A. Chapeaux, Dr. E. L. Tartois, Mr. W. J. N. Dyer and Mr. F. Schwyzer. A list of electors is posted in the Chancery of the French Consulate-General. At the same time as the Municipal elections take place there will be an election for four members of the finance commission. These at present are Messrs. Ch. Barriere, J. M. Tavares, F. Sallou and Vyvyan Dent.

The death is announced at the age of 97 of Dr. George Downing Living, President of St. John's College, Cambridge.

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between Mr. W. E. Jenkins of the Prisons Department, Muar, Johore, and Miss Dora Cantrell, of Hazlebury, Duffield, England.

Passengers arriving yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" included Viscount Hinchinbrooke, who is heir to the Earl of Sandwich, H. M. Queen Alexandra having been his Godmother. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart and Mr. F. M. Wellmer also travelled by the same vessel.

Dr. A. T. Stanton, Director of Government Laboratories, Institute of Medical Research, F.M.S., has accepted an invitation to participate in the joint scientific conference under the Hongkong and China branch of the British Medical Association, at Hongkong, from January 21 to 28.

Mr. C. H. James left Shanghai for Home on January 6, by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia," having relinquished his post as manager of Messrs. Price's (China), Ltd., whose business will henceforth be conducted by the Asiatic Petroleum Co.

The death is announced of Capt. Wm. Spratt, R.N. (retired), in his 94th year. He was the son of a naval commander, who, as a mate, served with Nelson at Teneriffe. Capt. Spratt entered the Navy in 1845, and amongst other service, was acting Lieutenant of the "Hermes," and was repeatedly engaged with pirates in the China seas. On one occasion he narrowly escaped death, being taken prisoner and stripped, in consequence of the boats under his command being captured in the surf while they were endeavouring to capture two piratical junks in How-tow Bay (?)

The "Bangkok Times" records the death of Mr. George Rowland, Manager for Messrs. Herbert Whitworth, Ltd., which occurred at Blackheath on December 18. The late Mr. George Rowland went to Bangkok from Burma for Messrs. Lewis, T. Leachman, and Co., about 1889. Later on he transferred his services to the firm of Messrs. Mott and Dickson, Ltd., and later still accepted the post of manager of Messrs. Herbert Whitworth & Co., Ltd., when the firm decided to start a branch of the firm in Bangkok.

The late Mr. William Wallington Pope of Sylvan-road, Exeter, official of the Eastern Telegraph Company left (net personalty) £5,578 and a gross estate of £6,478.

Messrs. J. D. Kemp, A. R. Thornton and Hussein Hasanally Abdul Kader have been appointed Municipal Commissioners of George Town, Penang.

Mr. J. E. Hargreaves, Dr. N. H. Bolton, Mr. H. E. Metcalf and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper were among the passengers who left Shanghai in the "President Grant."

Mr. C. Hamilton, editor of the San Francisco "Examiner," who is doing the world trip accompanied by his wife, was one of the party of visitors, who arrived in Singapore on December 31 on board the "President Monroe."

A popular young Ipoh Chinese footballer, Tan Eang-seng, was proceeding to Sitawan on a new motor-cycle to take part in the Christmas sporting events there when he collided with a lorry on the Bras Basah Road. He was taken to the hospital at Kuala Kangsar and succumbed to his injuries the next day.

Major F. J. M. Postlethwaite, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who succeeds Col. Spencer as Commandant of the Straits Settlements Defence Force, arrived from Home by the "Morea." Col. Spencer leaves for Home shortly. He is to be given a farewell dinner by the S. V. C. at the Europe Hotel, Singapore, before his departure.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Peking at the British Legation Chapel recently, when Miss Lydia Smith became the bride of Mr. M. S. J. Walat, Manager of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., at Chengtow. The bride, who was given away by the Earl of Gosford, was gown in ivory pan velvet, and looked very charming.

M. Richepin, who has been awarded a prize of Frs. 100,000 by the Institute de France, has had a many-sided career. A soldier, sailor, seafarer, actor, journalist, poet, romancer, dramatist, orator, member of the French Academy, deputy, and president of the Ligue des Gourmands—all these things he has been or is. Many a time in his youth he has tramped it with tramps, writing songs by the way which later, when collected in his "Chansons des Gens" were to make him famous.

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Andante
Finale—Allegro vivace
2. — Cello —
Capriccio
Adagio
Menuet con Variations Locatelli
3. — Violin —
Slavonic Dance, Dvorak
Eli, Eli, Hebrew Melody
La Ronde des Lutins Bezzaci
4. — Cello —
Menuet, Beethoven
Elegia, Tchaikovsky
Vito, Poppet
5. — Violin & Cello —
Pavane (by request) Handel.

Monday Programme

1. — Violin —
Sonata G-minor Tartini
Moderato Presto Largo Allegretto
Variations, Corelli
2. — Cello —
Suite D-major, (17th century)
Allegro, Caix de Herveleis
Prelude Grave
Menuet
Pavane
La Neapolitaine
3. — Violin —
Introduction at Tarantalle, Sarasat
Nocturne D-major, Chopin
Souvenir de Moscou, Wieniawski
4. — Cello —
Canonets, Godard
Andante, Haydn
Pavillon, Poppet
5. — Violin & Cello —
Prelude, Giliere
Scherzo, Giliere

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OUR UNIVERSITY.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Further results of the Hongkong University Examinations are to hand, as follows:—

Scholarships.

King Edward VII. Scholarships. Cyril Francis Young (St. Joseph's College), Ng Tai-ping (Wah Yan School), Loh Meng-choon (Diocesan Boys' School).

President of China Scholarship. Chang Lu-mian (Queen's College).

Prizes.

Montargis French Prizes Senior.—For Government British Schools, Miss Margaret Wheller, (Central British School); for other schools, Jose Alberto Victor, (St. Joseph's College).

Junior.—For Government British Schools, Not awarded; for other schools, Miss Mary Soriano, (French Convent).

Matriculation Examination.—Supplementary Honour List.

Miss Kwok Yik-ming (dist. English) Italian Convent; Denis Nguyen Hen-binh (dist. French and Trigonometry) St. Joseph's College; Lau Kai (dist. Chinese and Mathematics) St. Stephen's College; Ng Tai-pin (dist. Chinese) Wah Yan School.

The following candidate has qualified to enter the Faculty of Medicine.—Xien Kho Khong-kha (Private Study).

Supplementary Senior Local Pass List.

Miss Kimmy Barretto (Italian Convent).

Junior Local—Pass List.

Boys.

Queen's College.—Chan Ping-to (dist. Chinese), Chan Titi-man (dist. Arithmetic, Chinese and Mathematics), Chan Yee-korn, (Chau Shui-ki, Cheng Wing-kwai, Chiu Yue-shing, Fung Yan-lai, Ho Kee-kit, Hui Wai-pan (dist. Arithmetic), Ip Kai-in, Kwok Ho-lun (dist. Mathematics), Kwok Yuk-lun (dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics), Kwong Sik-kwong (dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics), Lam Ka-man (dist. Mathematics), Lee Pui-tong (dist. Mathematics), Lee Shu-sun, Li Ka-yui, Mak Chak-lam (dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics), Li Yeung-yam (dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics), Lo Chi-chiu (dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics), Lo Cho-chi (dist. History and Maths), Mak Kai-cham (dist. Arith. and Maths), Mak Kai-kung (dist. Arith. and Maths), Mok Kam-man (dist. Arith.), Ng Sik-kwong, Pang Tak-ling, Poon King-wong, Mit Singh (dist. Urdu), Siu Pui-wang, So Sze-ho, Sung Ying-wa (dist. Arith.), Tam Yan-kwong, To Kai-huen, Tong Fung-sun, Tong Wai-lit (dist. Arith., Geog. and Maths), Tsang Hiu-tung (dist. Arith., Geog. and Maths), Tso Po-shum (dist. Arith. and Maths), Wong Ka-tsun, Wong Wing-nin (dist. Arith.), Wu Chiu-po, Yok Kung-ting, Kwong Chiu-chung.

St. Joseph's College.—Charles A. Figueiredo, Mario J. Gaan, Francisco J. M. Jorge (dist. Arith.), Ker Hong-bee (dist. French and Mathematics), Hakam Khan (dist. Urdu), James Khoo Siew-boon (dist. Geog. and Bib. Knowledge), Mok Yock-jun (dist. Arith., Maths. and Bib. Knowledge), Henry Pe Peng-chuy, Jose Lima Peres, Dawood Moosa Razack, Alberto Remedios, Peter Francis Rosario, Saleh Rubjub Saleh, George Souza (dist. Arith.), Joseph Tang Sze-yui (dist. Arith.), Wong Chow-bing, Frederick Victor Wong (dist. Arith.), Louis Augusto Xavier.

Diocesan Boys' School.—Frederick Broadbridge, Cheong Ewe-sing, Chiu Sik-ye, Kwan Cho-lee, Hon-sang (dist. Arith. and Maths.), John Pau (dist. Physics and Maths.), Albert Randall, Arthur A. Reed (dist. Geog. History and Mechanics), Edmund H. P. White, Eric Wong-tape (dist. Arith. Maths. and Mechanics), Yuen Tai-cho (dist. Maths.), William Young (dist. Spanish).

St. Paul's College.—Chan Fung-kee (dist. English, Arith. and Biblical Knowledge), Chan Sau-hok, Chung Hok-nang (dist. Physics and Maths.), Kam Lun-ko, Kwan Yim-chor (dist. Maths.), Liu Fook-pui (dist. Physics, Maths., Bookkeeping and Mechanics), Mak Tat-ho, Ng Ching-sum (dist. Maths.), Ng Kum-tat (dist. Arith.), Tang Man-tung, Tsang Chi-kwong, Tang Ping-wah, U Man-shu, Ue Chung-fui, Wo Mo-tak, Yuen Jim-fan.

Wah Yan School.—Cheng Yam-hoi (dist. Arith. and Maths.), Fung Hung-cho, Hau Man-on (dist. Arith.), Ho Ping-ki, Ko Wing-hong (dist. Arith.), Mak Man-cheung, Siu Si-chun, Sung Pak-ping, Tam Mung-yung, Wai Cheuk, Wong Pui-chen.

Ying Wah College.—Chiu Lai-man (dist. Arith.), Lam Tui-kwan, Ng Chi-ngo, Ng Tze-chun, Sung Shou-tin (dist. Physics and Maths.), Wan Yew-hing, Yung Kai-yiu (dist. Arith. and History).

St. Stephen's College.—Chan Wai-yung, Chan Chik-nin, Chiu Cham-kau (dist. Arith.), Go Kay-sin (dist. Arith.), Khow Sum-erh, Koh Poh-chiang (dist. Arith.

EPIDEMIC BUREAU.

TO BE OPENED IN SINGAPORE NEXT MONTH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, January 8.

Dr. Norman White, chairman of the Epidemics Commission is going to Singapore this week to preside at a conference of representatives of sanitary organisations in the Far East, with a view to opening an epidemic bureau at Singapore in February.

It is hoped that the bureau, which the League of Nations' Council decided to establish on the recommendation of the League's Hygienic Committee, will render great service in combating epidemics, especially plague and cholera.

The news of such epidemics will immediately be communicated to Geneva for wireless transmission to ships and different health stations.

The Rockefeller Foundation has contributed \$125,000 towards the expenses of the bureau for five years.

"THE HILL BILLY."

GRIPPING MELODRAMA AND STAR.

Jack Pickford is featured in the Star this week in one of his own productions, in which he was assisted by his famous sister, Mary Pickford, and his young bride, The title is "The Hill Billy," the key to which can best be had by personally seeing the picture. It is a thrilling and gripping melodrama with a love story that holds, a plot that bewilders in its mystery. It tells simply of the lives and customs of the rugged hill folk in the Kentucky mountains fifty years ago, and is a pleasing change from the majority of themes that go to make the foundation of pictures in these days.

The attention of the audience is held spell-bound, as the story is unfolded of a boy girl romance—a romance that seems with incident of the kind to appeal to young and old alike. To see this wonderful masterpiece, go to see Jack Pickford at his best.

Associated with Jack Pickford is Lucille Rickson, a sixteen-year-old leading "woman," Jane Keckley, Frank Leigh, and Ralph Yearsley. Patrons of the Star are fortunate indeed to have this splendid picture shown to them first.

and History). Kwok Wing-kong (dist. Arith.), Lee Hui-kek, Lee Hui-shai (dist. Maths.), Leong Kam-ling (dist. Arith.), Li Ching-wa, Lim Sooy-chuan, Tuan Swan-tiang, The Biau-geng (dist. Arith., Physics, Maths. and Biblical Knowledge), Tseng Wah-keung, Tseng Wah-loo, Yap Tjong-hie.

Ching Ngo College.—Chan Shiu-tong.

Docks School.—Lau Sheung, Educational Institute.—Lee Ping-yuan, Wai Man-lok (dist. Arith.).

Tutorial Institute.—Liu Yan-tak.

Central British School.—James John Hirst, John H. Maycock, (dist. Maths. and Drawing), Thomas S. D. Whitley, Samuel Edward Williams, Robert G. Wicheil.

Private Study.—Lim Chak-pui, Lim Chi-shih, Tran Ngoc-luu (dist. Lim Chi-shih, Tran Ngoc-luu (dist. French).

Junior Pass List.—Girls.

Bellios Public School.—Fung Sui-king, Hung Lai-kwan, Kwok Lai-lin, Kwok Lai-sim, Wong Shau-ha.

Central British School.—Christina Mary Allison.

Diocesan Girls' School.—Beatrice Choa, Mary G. Groundwater, Alice Hing, Grace Ho Tung (dist. History), Winifred Kew (dist. Needlework), Vanda E. Remedios, Marie A. Silva, Spradbery, Janet M. Thornburn (dist. Needlework).

French Convent.—Gertrude (dist. Stenography), Julia Lam (dist. Needlework), Mary Soriano (dist. Biblical Knowledge), Violet Woo (dist. Needlework).

Italian Convent.—Marie Machado Alves (dist. Needlework), Angeline Choa, Gertrude Choa, Lai Chun-dick (dist. Needlework), Doris Dillon, Remigia (dist. Needlework), Ho Fung-chiu (dist. Needlework), Hui Lai-yung, Olga King, Mary Kotwall, Eileen Leonard, Mar'a Lopes, Thelma May (dist. Needlework), Rosie Rumjahn (dist. Biblical Knowledge), Josephine Stoppa (dist. Needlework), Estelita Xavier (dist. Needlework).

St. Mary's School.—Celeste Gill (dist. Needlework), Bellarmine Gutierrez (dist. Needlework).

St. Stephen's Girls' College.—Cheng Hung-yue, Ip Yuk-ying, Amy Ma, Tsang Hui-fun, Clara Wong (dist. Music).

Tutorial Institute.—Liang Yee-sung.

ALLIED DEBTS.

PRESS COMMENTS ON CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 8.

The newspaper comments on the conference of Allied Finance Ministers suggest that M. Clementel (Minister of Finance) is endeavouring to induce Mr. Churchill to modify his attitude of strict adherence to Mr. Balfour's note and adopt the more accommodating note of Lord Curzon (Leader of the House of Lords), issued in August, 1923, which was, in brief, a statement of the amount that France would still owe if Britain were to deduct from the annuities, under the Dawes' plan, her share of 22 per cent.

The papers also declare that Mr. Churchill discussed with Mr. Logan and Mr. Kellogg, a compromise for the solution of the British-American friction, and suggest that if the Bank of England obtains from America one milliard gold dollars, with a view to equalising the British-American exchanges, the British Government will raise no further objections to the American claims regarding reparations and will adopt a more generous attitude towards her debtors.

The newspapers, commenting on the opening of the financial conference foresee generally, difficult discussions but no conflict.

"Le Petit Journal" esteems that the difference between French and British views is not very wide, and the conciliatory spirit of Mr. Winston Churchill permits hope for an agreement.

For "Le Matin," the question is whether Britain will consent to sacrifices about reparations in order to settle the debts question.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

"MORAL PIRATES."

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 8.

Senator Borah, in a letter regretting his inability to attend the meeting of the Committee for Law Enforcement, headed by Judge Gray and F. D. Rockefeller, Jr., drew a parallel between the alleged activities of foreign nationals and American bootleggers, in violation of the prohibition law, and the Zinovieff letter. He asked whether the United States was not entitled to say to Britain, as Mr. Austen Chamberlain substantially told the Soviet, "You can either control your nationals in their effort to break down your policy and plant murder and misery among other peoples, or you cannot." It is quite within the power of the British Government to instantly put an end to the activities of such moral pirates as would co-operate with criminals in this country to violate law and undermine and destroy the great national policy.

ST. PAUL'S.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 8.

The Dean and Chapter of Saint Paul's have issued an appeal for funds necessary to carry out essential repairs for the preservation of the Cathedral, which, according to recent experts' report, involve an outlay of £140,000.

Public interest in the matter is widely aroused by the fact that the City Corporation a few days ago served a warning on the Dean notifying that the Cathedral was a dangerous structure.

ARMS FOR INDIA.

GERMAN CARGOES SEIZED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, January 7.

The Home member, reviewing events leading up to the present arms seizure, said that three unsuccessful attempts were made in the past year to obtain arms from Germany. The Government knew that organisations aiming at the importation of arms to India existed in Germany and the Far East. Cargoes had been seized in the past year at Durban, Shanghai, Singapore and elsewhere.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 9.—Coronet Theatre.

"Merry-go-round."

January 9.—Star Theatre.

"The Hill Billy."

January 9.—Queen's Theatre.

at 5.15 p.m. "The Silent Call," at 9.15 p.m. Dancing Display.

January 9.—World Theatre.

"Merry-go-round."

January 10.—Queen's Theatre.

"Within The Law."

January 11.—World Theatre.

"The Love Pirates."

January 10.—City Hall; Concert by Eugene and Leopold.

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TROUBLED INDIA.

TWO FRESH OUTRAGES ON RAILWAYS.

Calcutta, November 25.—Two more outrages on the Eastern Bengal Railway line between Calcutta and Purbani bringing the number of attempts made to wreck trains on this section since the beginning of November to five. Fortunately the plans of the miscreants miscarried in every case.

No arrests have yet been made, but the railway authorities are co-operating with the Government, and police officials have held a series of enquiries and, working with knowledge of such affairs in the past, have examined the question of motive from all possible angles. In the present instance, they lean strongly to the opinion that the recurrence of train wrecking has a political motive.

This view is particularly to the effort to bring disaster to the Tip Darjeeling mail in the early hours of November 16th, an attempt that all but succeeded. Two further outrages on two successive days at the end of last week also failed in their object. On Friday, a bullet struck the tender of a passenger train as it was crossing the Jaboon bridge, near Muskhapur, and on the previous day another passenger train, while passing over a bridge 22 miles from the scene of the Ishardi outrage, ran into several heavy iron staves that had been placed between the sleepers above one of the piers of the bridge.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Morea" on Jan. 9.—Mr and Mrs J. Deaken, Mr R. Vergette, Mr C. H. Rozesky, Mr R. A. Campbell, Mr and Mrs W. C. Tillery, Master Tillery, Miss A. M. Wyatt, Mr and Mrs R. S. Logan, Mr and Mrs J. C. Weller, Mrs M. C. H. Potts, Sir George Gibb, Lady Gibb, Mr E. V. Roby, Mrs Hargrave, Mr H. Barrett, Mr A. Paice, Mr J. W. V. Blundell, Lt. G. A. T. Mansergh, Mrs Davis, Mr J. Scarr, Mrs R. Bell, Mr G. H. Stewart, Mr W. J. Johnston, Mr Barry, Mr Orr, Mr S. Harris, Mr F. B. Travor, Mr F. C. Purslow, Mr F. W. Whitehouse, Cmdr and Mrs C. A. Browne, Mr and Mrs G. Henderson, Mr A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr G. B. Layton, Mr and Mrs Staples, Mrs Mrs Sayer, Mr W. G. Gordon, Mrs M. E. Ebbott, Mr J. Burrell.

January 12.—At P.W.D., Kowloon, two lots of Crown land at Kau Pui Shek, Kowloon, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

January 10.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, code books, water jugs, and glass vases, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 14.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's office room, noon.

January 17.—First ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd., at the City Hall, Hall, noon.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

January 30.—Annual meeting of seaholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

OTHER MEETING.

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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

"RED" ACTIVITIES CAUSE SOME ANXIETY.

(Reuter's Service.)

PEKING, January 8.

A mandate appoints Chang Tso-lin Tapan of the North-Eastern Frontier, defence, and charges him with the development of the waste lands of that region, the officials of which are instructed to obey Chang's orders.

Chang Tso-lin is still in Tientsin, but is expected to start for Mukden to-morrow, accompanied by his Chief-of-Staff and bodyguard, the remainder of the Fengtien troops staying at Tientsin until further orders.

According to reports from Tientsin, the "Red" activities in Northern Manchuria are causing Chang Tso-lin anxiety, and his return to Manchuria is mainly connected with this phase of the situation.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karnala" from Hongkong arrived London on Jan. 6 at 11 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Tolosa" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 4 at a.m. and is due here to-day at about 3 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" will sail for Manila, P.I., at 5 p.m. to-day.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Madison" will sail for Victoria and Seattle via post at a.m. to-morrow.

The R.F. s.s. "Elipnor" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Jan. 7 for this port and is due here to-morrow. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Jan. 12.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Samo Maru" (Empress Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Jan. 6 and is expected here on Jan. 13.

The B. I. s.s. "Tyndar" left Liverpool on Dec. 7 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Jan. 12.

The B. I. s.s. "Meriones" left Liverpool on Dec. 12 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Jan. 16.

The B.I.L. s.s. "Pres. van Buren" which is due at this port on Jan. 21, sailed from San Francisco on Dec. 20 on schedule.

The B. I. s.s. "Kilgilt Compend" left Liverpool on Dec. 8 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Jan. 21.

The B. I. s.s. "Fracas" left Liverpool on Dec. 7 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Feb. 6.

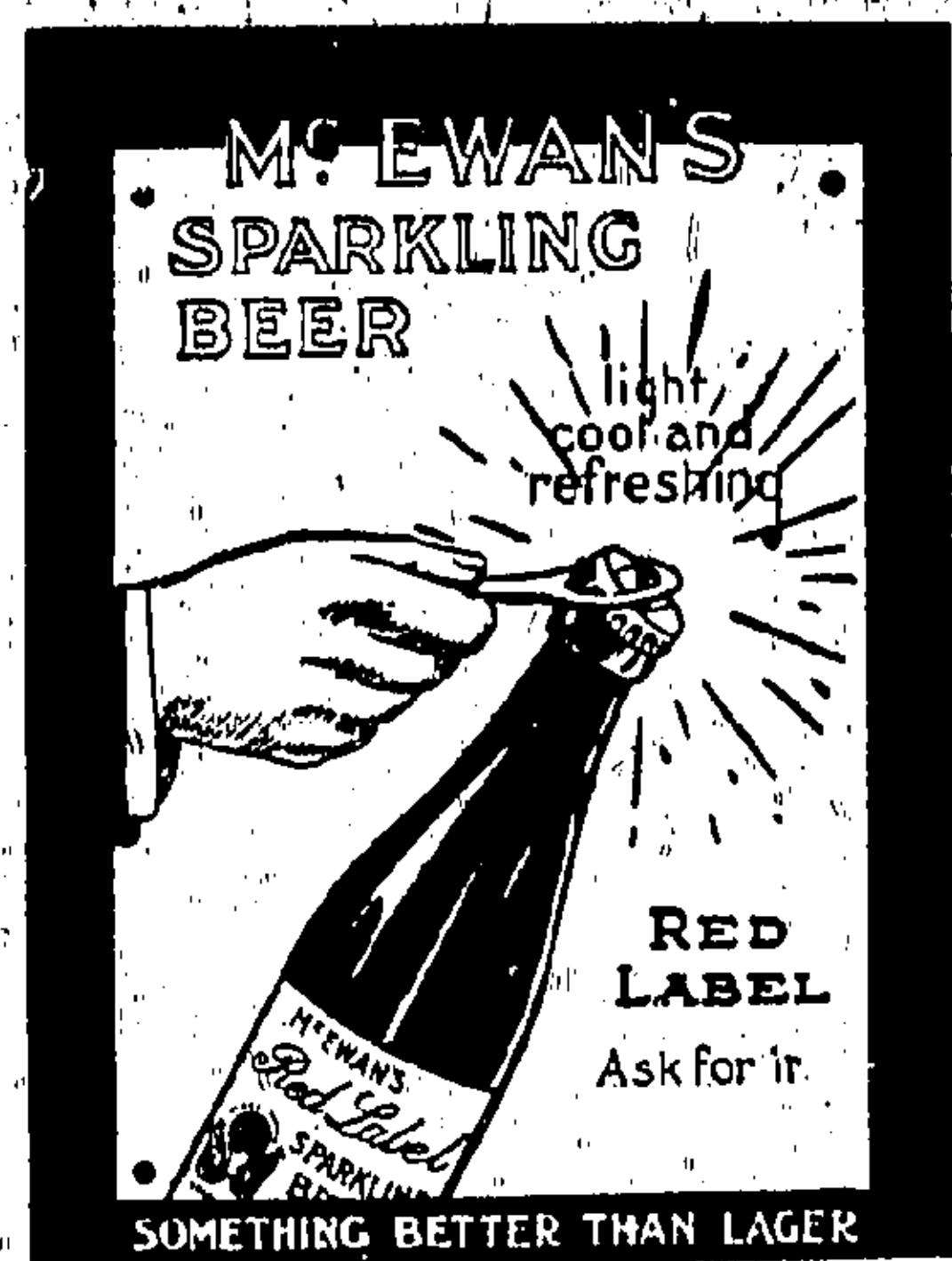
The B. I. s.s. "Peregrine" left London on Dec. 24 for Suez, Straits, Philippines and Hongkong and is due here on or about Feb. 16.

Formerly in command of the ill-fated "Lusitania" Captain Turner is travelling to Australia as a steamer passenger. Captain Turner, who has been living in retirement near Plymouth, decided to visit his son in Australia, but on applying for a berth found the passenger list full. He persisted in trying to obtain accommodation, and when told all he could have was a cabin in the steerage, he promptly took it.

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Mrs. Mae Nolan, Congresswoman from California, is shown here with Mrs. Mary T. Norton, of Jersey City, New Jersey, only Eastern woman ever elected to Congress. They met at the Capitol on the occasion of the opening of the sixty-eighth Congress. Mrs. Nolan retires next March, when Mrs. Norton takes office. Mrs. Norton broke a custom of the House by wearing her hat on the floor, where a reception was accorded her.

Women's Fascisti.



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Below: E. F. LADD & ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE.
Below: SMITH W. BROOKHART & LYNN J. FRAZIER.

United States Senators Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin; E. F. Ladd, of North Dakota; Lynn J. Frazier, of North Dakota, and Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, have been read out of the Republican party by their colleagues in the Senate, who voted that they should not be given Republican places on Senate committees, nor invited to attend future party conferences. All were Progressives in the last election.

Alleged Gunman.



Frank Uale, alias Yale, an alleged gunman, is under arrest on a clue that he had something to do with the mysterious murder of Dion O'Bannon, leader of Chicago's underworld.



The police of Ohio do not seem any nearer a solution of the mysterious death of Mrs. Shensley, wife of the pastor of the Christ Lutheran Church in the suburb of Bexley, who was burned to death in the furnace of the parsonage. Directly behind the casket are the Rev. C. V. Shensley, with his daughter, Alice; Mrs. Lydia Sponseller, mother of Mrs. Shensley; Mrs. Maria Shensley, mother of the preacher, and in the rear, wearing caps, the sons of the dead woman. The authorities have questioned the son, Clarence, who, after seeing his mother burning in the furnace, turned away and had a sleep.

An Unusual Will.



The will of Sophie Lyons-Burke, notorious woman criminal, who reformed and became wealthy honestly, has been admitted to probate. Approximately \$10,000 is left in trust for the children of convicts.



GOV. J. A. O. PREUS & SON

Above is shown the Governor of Minnesota, with his new baby son, whom he has named Jule Merke, which, translated from the Norwegian, means Christmas Seal. Governor Preus declares the idea was suggested to him because the inventor of the Christmas seal is a Scandinavian, Elmer Holmberg, a former railway mail clerk, who conceived the seal which is now an emblem of the international fight against tuberculosis.

Commands Phantom Ship.



CAPT. H. HARTLEY

Capt. Herbert Hartley, master of the "Leviathan," recently commanded a phantom trip to sea aboard his ship at wireless WNYC, the municipal broadcast station of the city of New York. Stage noise "gags" produced the effects of the steamer's great whistle, the lines being cast off at Hartley's command; the rush of wind and wave. The "trip" was in striking contrast from the last voyage of the great liner, said to have been the stormiest in her career.



David Belasco, dean of the American theatre, has been awarded the ribbon of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by the French Government. Mrs. Felix Warburg, wife of an international banker, has given \$100,000 to the Visiting Nurse Service. M. Albert Sarraut, former French Minister of Colonies and former Governor-General of Indo-China, declares the real menace of the future peace of the world lies in an Asiatic bloc against the European bloc. The wine cellar on the Beverly estate of Joseph Letter has been robbed for the second time of \$2,000 worth of liquor. More than \$10,000 worth was stolen the week before.

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WEATHER REPORT.

January 9, 10h. 50m.—Pressure has decreased moderately at Shanghai and slightly from S.W. Japan to N. Luzon. It has increased slightly over N.E. Japan and over Tongking.

The anticyclone has weakened slightly but fresh monsoon may still be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.47 inches, against an average of 0.21 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 10, 1925.

1.—Formosa Channel, N. winds, fresh; fine.
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, N. winds, fresh; fine.
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N. winds, fresh; fine.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, N. winds, fresh; fine.

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Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.
Vidvootcock	8	30.57	—	—	—	10	0
Nemuro	3.4	30.24	—	—	WNW	—	—
Kadokado	—	30.48	—	—	NNW	—	—
Tokio	—	30.28	—	—	NNW	1	—
Koshi	—	30.28	—	—	NNW	1	—
Koshi	—	30.40	—	—	NE	1	—
Kagoshima.	—	30.33	—	—	NNW	—	—
Oshima	—	30.14	—	—	SE	—	—
Yaku	—	30.18	—	—	N	1	—
Shijima	—	30.08	—	—	E	—	—
Yon Inland	—	30.12	—	—	NNW	—	—
Chesof	—	—	30 80	—	—	0	—
Chang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Koshoga	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	30.41	28 100	NNW	4	—	—
Tientsin	—	30.37	33 80	NNW	4	1	—
Shang Pk.	—	31.21	43 81	—	—	—	—
Amoy	7.4	30.43	36 89	NE	3	0	—
Yokohama	8	30.40	80 85	N	1	—	—
Tokoku	6	30.14	80	—	—	—	—
Tsuku	—	30.11	61	—	W	2	0
Tsuku	—	30.10	63	—	N	4	0
Koshu	—	30.08	68	—	—	0	—
Pescadore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yanton	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tongkong	—	30.50	59 72	NNW	4	—	—
Canton	—	30.18	—	—	—	—	—
Yapoo	—	31.19	45 82	NNW	4	0	—
Wachow	9.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yohow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panien	7.4	30.70	80 56	NNW	4	1	—
Tsuan	—	30.13 83	—	NNW	4	1	0
S. St. James	—	30.88	78	—	—	—	—
San Francisco	6.4	30.27	88	—	—	—	—
Cayman	—	29.85	75 90	—	—	0	0
Yuma	—	29.94	70 91	NNW	1	—	—
Lagay	—	29.86	79 90	NNW	1	0	—
Yoloban	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Itolu	—	29 80	75 82	NNW	4	—	—
Santiago	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Francisco	4.36	30.27	88	—	—	2	0
Yap	4.4	33.75	—	—	—	8	0
Cayman	6.4	29.74	77 94	NNW	3	—	—